GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1997
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2001
COMPLAINT AGAINST COOLIES
RATNA SINGH

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coolies at the railway stations capture the seats in stationed trains and take money from passengers by offering them the same;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the zone-wise number of such complaints received during the last three years and the action taken thereon along with action taken against the persons found involved in this case?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) to (c): Some such instances of capturing of seats by the 'coolies' have come to notice. The Railway- wise list ofnumber of such complaints received during the last three years i.e. 1997-98,1998-99 and 1999-2000 is given in Appendix.

In order to check this menace, regular checks are conducted by the Commercial and Vigilance Departments in association with Police to prevent cornering of seats by 'coolies' and other anti-social elements. The 'coolies' found involved in this activity are punished by suspending/ terminating their licenses. In addition, passengers are advised to follow queue system for preventing cornering of seats in unreserved coaches.

Appendix referred to in reply to part (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1997 for 29.11.2001. Thenumber of complaints received Railway-wise during the last three years regarding cornering of seats by coolies.

RAILWAYS	FINANCIAL YEAR	NO. OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED
CENTRAL	1997-1998	17
	1998-1999	04
	1999-2000	04
EASTERN	1997-1998	01
	1998-1999	NIL
	1999-2000	NIL
NORTHERN	1997-1998	37
	1998-1999	72
	1999-2000	40
NORTH EASTERN	1997-1998	NIL
FRONTIER	1998-1999	NIL
	1999-2000	NIL
SOUTHERN	1997-1998	NIL
	1998-1999	NIL
	1999-2000	NIL
SOUTH CENTRAL	1997-1998	02
	1998-1999	NIL
	1999-2000	NIL
SOUTH EASTERN	1997-1998	NIL
	1998-1999	NIL
	1999-2000	NIL
WESTERN	1997-1998	03
	1998-1999	04
	1999-2000	03